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SILVER CITY, N. M., OCTOBER 24, 1894.

Democratic Ticket.

For Delegate to Congress,
ANTHONY JOSEPH.

For the Council,
GEORGE W. MILES.
GEORGE CURRY.

For Representatives,
JOSEPH BOONE.
R. L. YOUNG.

For Sheriff,
BAYLOR SHANNON.

For Collector,
JOHN F. KIOUS.

For Probate Clerk,
EDGAR M. YOUNG.

For Assessor,
DAVID H. TULLOCK.

For Probate Judge,
ROBERT NEWSHAM.

For Treasurer,
G. W. M. CARVIL.

For Superintendent of Schools,
B. T. LINK.

For Surveyor,
GEORGE R. BROWN.

For Coroner,
ISAAC GIVENS.

For Commissioners,
1st District—**F. J. DAVIDSON.**
2nd District—**S. S. BRANNIN.**
3rd District—**A. J. CLARK.**

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A REPUBLICAN MESS.

The republican leaders of this county can generally be depended upon to make a mess of their campaign if they have rope enough. This year they have succeeded to a degree far in excess of what even the most unregenerate democrat had dared to hope. The most enthusiastic of the unterrified did not expect the Enterprise to assist Baylor Shannon in the race for sheriff, but it has commenced to pull for him in earnest, much

to the surprise of the democrats and to the utter dismay of the republicans.

In its last issue it clearly demonstrates why the republican candidate for sheriff should not be elected. It says that Deputy Sheriff Baca arrested a couple of soldiers at Ernest's about a year ago, put them in irons and then released them. Perhaps the editor of the Enterprise didn't stop to think about what sort of a position he was getting Mr. Baca in when he wrote those facts. Perhaps it did not occur to him that if the soldiers deserved to be arrested and placed in irons the deputy sheriff had no right to release them, or that if they did not deserve to be arrested the deputy sheriff had no right to arrest them.

The Enterprise has proved as conclusively as anything can be proved that Mr. Baca is not a fit man to be sheriff of this county. There is not even the shadow of a doubt but that Mr. Baca arrested the men and put them in irons, as stated in the Enterprise, and it is just as true that he released them without the formality of taking them before a justice of the peace, the only officer who could legally release them. Mr. Baca either did not do his duty when he arrested the men or he did not do his duty when he released them. In either case he was not faithfully discharging his duty and is not a fit man for sheriff.

The Enterprise account of the arrest and release is as follows:

Early in September the troops at Fort Bayard started upon their annual fall field camp, made that year near Moulton's ranch on the Sapello. The march was made through Georgetown and the first night's bivouac at Ernest's place near Hanover, where the wayfarer may get good water for nothing and poor whisky at the market price. Those who were so inclined soon gathered at Ernest's house, the fun waxed fast and furious, and, when Deputy Sheriff Cipriano Baca came riding along just after dark, riot ruled the scene. Deputy Baca was called upon by Ernest, crowded into the little barroom, arrested two men who seemed to be making the most disturbance, put the nippers on them, and deputized two Mexicans present to guard them while he paid his attentions to quieting the remaining and less combative revelers. Better counsels soon prevailed and in a couple of hours the two prisoners were cool enough to release. Sergeant Logan raised by common subscription and paid to the Mexican guards, who were to stay as peace officers for the remainder of the night, five dollars each, the men went to their tents, Deputy Baca rode on to Central, and from her rocky citadel above the Kneeling Nun could once more bless the peaceful scene.

After proving that Mr. Baca is an unfit man for the office of sheriff, the Enterprise attempts to fasten the cruel wrong done to the republican candidate upon the democratic party and this is where the editor puts his foot into it again. He says:

Mr. Baca had become a candidate for sheriff, the convention was coming on,

political canards were in order, and as no more available matter than the Ernest incident was at hand, a "triumphant democracy" started in to make the most of it. To that end the services of one D. M. Potter were engaged, the field was canvassed, the trap laid and trooper Fox walked unwittingly into it. Early in last September Potter went to Central to find his game, which in this case was anyone who could be bribed or cajoled or deceived into a false or garbled statement of the Ernest affair to the injury of Baca. Potter was well supplied with money by those who were behind him and he hung about George Parker's saloon at Central, met Fox, learned that he had been present at Ernest's saloon the year before, and it was then only a question of patience and superior carrying capacity to get Fox drunk and obtain his signature to a statement containing any version of the Ernest affair that political hatred might demand.

A few lines further on in this wonderful article which the Enterprise printed is the following:

The affidavit did not come to light at the republican convention a few days after its birth, and would perhaps have not come to the knowledge of Mr. Baca's friends until after election day if Potter had not attempted to get additional affidavits.

So the "unterrified democracy" employed Potter to obtain affidavits to be used after election! What, in the name of the shade of the Great Tycoon, would the "unterrified democracy" be doing with such an affidavit after the election? A little farther along in this masterful production is the following:

Fox says he was around nearly all day with Potter at Central on the day the affidavit was made, that Potter set up the drinks frequently, appeared to have plenty of money, and was offering ten dollars a head and expenses paid to those soldiers who would go before the grand jury in November and swear so as to convict Baca of receiving a bribe.

No proof could be more convincing that the democrats had nothing to do with getting the affidavit. The Enterprise makes it perfectly clear that the affidavit was to be used before the grand jury by Mr. Potter and that is just what it was obtained for and just what it will be used for, but the republicans were in such mortal terror that it would be used in the campaign that they attempted to get it away from Potter by intimidation. The Enterprise, of course, does not say that he was intimidated but passes over that point very lightly as follows:

On last Monday Potter went to Central for the purpose of getting additional affidavits. He did not succeed, but he talked too much and two messengers from the soldiers were sent to Silver City to expose Potter's scheme. The messengers reached town before Potter did and when the latter drove into White's corral he was met by J. R. Johnson, J. W. Welty and Baca who questioned Potter regarding the affidavit.

He was "questioned" in such a manner that people in and about the corral